Sl. No.	Name of the project	Capacity (MW)	Commissioning schedule		Project cost including IDC (Rs. Crore)	
			Original	Latest	Original (Price level)	Latest (Price level)
52.	Leimakhong DGPP (Manipur	6×6	U-1 to 6 Oct.-Dec. 98	Nov.-Dec. 2000	113.35	126.02
53.	Simhadri TPS (A.P.)	2×500	U-1 Mar. 2002	Mar. 2002	3650.79	3662.46
			U-2 Dec. 2002	Dec. 2002		
54.	[illegible] STPP St. II	4×500	U-3 Nov. 2003	Nov. 2003	6648.83	7669.64
			U-4 Aug. 2004	Aug. 2004		
			U-5 May 2005	May 2005		
			U-6 Feb. 2006	Feb 2006		

Electrification of villages

†SHRIMATI SAROJ DUBEY: Will the Minister of P[illegible] be pleased to state:

(a) the number of villages in the country which have been electrified;

(b) whether Government have fixed any time limit to electrify the villages which are yet to be electrified; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) According to Central Electricity Authority (CEA), out of a total of 5,87,258 inhabited villages (1991 census), 5,06,926 villages in the country have been

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reported electrified as on 31.5.2000.

(b) and (c) the priorities for village electrification are determined by the State Electricity Boards/Power Departments as per policy and direction of the State Governments. The time frame for complete electrification of the villages would largely depend upon the availability of financial resources required for creating infrastructure systems, availability of power in the States, demands of the consumers etc.

Completion of Nathpa-Jhakri Power Project in Himachal Pradesh

†1192. SHRI MANOHAR KANT DHYANI: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Nathpa Jhakri Project of Himachal Pradesh with fifteen hundred mega watt capacity is going to be completed;

(b) whether it is also a fact that a tariff @ Rs. 2.18 Per Unit has been fixed therefor on the basis of forty years;

(c) whether it is also a fact that an amount of Rs. 500 crore would be collected annually after allowing rebate referred to above; and

(d) if so, the justification for continuing this tariff for forty years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) Yes, Sir, the Nathpa Jhakri Hydro Electric Power Project (1500 MW) in Himachal Pradesh is planned to be commissioned by March, 2002

(b) to (d) Keeping in view the approved estimated cost of Rs. 7666.31 crores of the project at June, 1998 Price Level, the first year's tariff is estimated to be Rs. 2.57 per unit at power house bus bar taking into account the project life as 35 years, 12% free power to Himachal Pradesh, 16% return on equity, repayment of loan and interest liabilities, taxes on the income etc. The revenue generation from the sale of electricity during the first year of operation is estimated at Rs. 1500.96 crores. The details of the expected tariff of the project for 35 years of operation are given in the statement.

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